



Milpitas Business Recycling & Waste Services



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Keep your work area clean and prevent water pollution! Here's how:

- maintain clean enclosures
- keep lids closed at all times
- increase service if bins always overflow
- watch for leaks from bins and call Republic when this happens

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Watch Out for Killers, Hurters, Hiders and Sliders

Keeping Hazardous Waste Out of the Bins

The ability to identify what items belong in which containers is essential to the success of the recycling process. Even more vital to our efforts, is keeping hazardous waste out of both the trash and recycling streams to protect workers and the environment.

Materials that **DON'T** belong in either container:
The Killers, Hurters, Hiders and Sliders!

The Killers: Actual poisons

- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Insect sprays

The Hurters: Chemicals that are harsh, damaging or toxic

- Acids (swimming pool chemicals)
- Chlorine bleaches

- Lye
- Liquid drain openers
- Paint and paint-related products such as thinners, varnishes, strippers
- Rust removers
- Photo and x-ray processing products and residues
- Automotive cleaners and solvents

The Hiders: Products that have toxic or dangerous elements hidden inside

- Automotive tires
- Batteries
- Electronic products - computers, monitors, printers, etc.
- Light bulbs - traditional or fluorescent
- Aerosol cans
- Tanks with any amount of helium, propane or oxygen

The Sliders: Lubricants and oil-based products

- Used or new motor oil
- Transmission fluid
- Gasoline
- Anti-freeze and brake fluid

If you have any questions about hazardous materials and how to safely dispose of them, check the County of Santa Clara's Household Hazardous Waste website at www.hhw.org.

Technology & Recycling Click at Nanosys

For Milpitas-based Nanosys, recycling isn't chore but a way of life for the team. The company, focused on the development of quantum dot technology for displays in tablets, televisions, and smartphones, identifies itself as an environmental steward continually looking for areas to improve recycling efforts. Jeff Yurek, corporate communications manager, says, "Recycling just seems to be embedded into our employee's minds. We don't even have to think about it."

Nanosys relocated to Milpitas in 2009 and quickly acclimated to the business recycling program offered by the City of Milpitas and Republic Services. Some of the benefits included in the Milpitas business recycling program include free posters, desk side recycling boxes-which detail accepted recyclables - and recycling stickers. Although Nanosys stations its own recycling containers throughout the office and break room, they prominently display the Milpitas business recycling posters at each container location to educate employees. The placement of these containers makes separation easy, which saves time and ultimately means that valuable natural resources are diverted from the landfill.

According to Arnold Custodio, environmental health and safety program manager, the majority of the recyclable material generated is cardboard boxes and packaging material from the shipping and receiving area. The area features a recycling poster and a designated recycling cart. Team members properly break down all boxes, deflate the plastic air pillow packaging and place the material into a designated recycling cart. Once the cart is full, they use the cart to transfer the recyclables to the outside Republic Services recycling container. Members of the team encourage each other to separate recyclables correctly and all agree that the cart system is simple, fast, and accurate. Nanosys' dedication has allowed the company to recycle more than it throws away with 18 yards of recyclables collected per week versus only eight yards of trash per week!

Nanosys is a recycling success story right here in Milpitas. Learn more about creating a similar recycling program at your business by calling Republic Services at **408-432-1234**.



Illegal Scavenging & Dumping

Stealing glass, plastic bottles or aluminum cans out of recycling containers is illegal in the City of Milpitas! Scavenging is dangerous and increases the cost of recycling services. Report scavenging immediately! Call the Milpitas Police Department at **408-586-2400** when you witness scavenging with the following information:

- Time and location the scavenging usually occurs.
- Describe scavengers (height, clothing, etc).
- Direction scavenger(s) are traveling.
- License plate number, if this can be safely obtained.

Recycling

Place accepted material loosely in the white container.

Accepted Material: Cardboard, Mixed Paper, Shredded Paper, Plastic Bags, Plastic Containers, Bubble Wrap (place in a plastic bag), Styrofoam (block styrofoam only, no peanuts), Bottles/Metal Cans.



NO

Trash, Food Waste & Food-Soiled Paper, Treated Wood, Pallets, Landscape Waste, E-waste, Hazardous or Medical Waste, Construction Debris, Helium/Propane Tanks

Kick Start a Recycling Program Today!

California Assembly Bill 341 requires businesses which generate at least 4-cubic yards or more of garbage per week to participate in a recycling program. Recycling collection services are FREE in the City of Milpitas which makes it even easier to comply! Contact Republic Services at **408-432-1234** to learn more about the business recycling program. Remember, the more you recycle, the more opportunity you may have to save on your garbage bill.

Here are some of the benefits the City of Milpitas and Republic Services offer to enhance your recycling experience:

- A dedicated recycling coordinator to answer your questions and provide onsite waste assessments
- Recycling collection that best fits your needs and location, including containers ranging in size from 1- to 8-cubic yards with collection service opportunities up to six days a week
- FREE deskside recycling boxes
- Training for your employees
- Educational posters, flyers and decals

Depending on the amount of trash and recyclables your business generates, you may find that your onsite containers aren't large enough to accommodate your disposal needs. If your containers are overloaded (you can't close the container lids), then it's time to contact your recycling coordinator to reevaluate the necessary level of service. Contact Republic Services at **408-432-1234** to schedule a free waste consultation.